The Township Year.

The close of another year finds the Township in good condition both as to finances and public works. Its County tax has been paid; a small note outstanding for some years has been reduced in amount, and its streets, sidewalks, crosswalks and public grounds give evidence of unusual care and progress. It is important to consider what has been done, and also what remains to do, for the remainder is always likely to be the heavier end of the load. Of new roads about 3, 600 feet has been laid, giving to Broad street an extended line of hard pavement, and also in Watsessing contributing to the comfort and satisfaction of residents upon the line of Orange street. These hard roads have given great satisfaction to all who have used them, and vet some care should be taken in the future to assure their construction in as good form as when first laid down. Parts of those laid last year are too flat and too muddy to be entirely satisfactory. In future contracts, effort should be made to avoid this error.

At least as much money should be voted for road construction as before; more if the public will support the movement. An amount equal to that voted last year will build more new roads in the future because no considerable grading is likely to be required, and because in some places the present roadways can be covered with a thin coating of hard stone with good success. Contributions from private sources have also been offered to induce the expenditure of small amounts of road money. Gravel can be used with advantage where the travel is light The money appropriated for sidewalks has been expended. Even a larger amount could have been used if available. \$2,000 is not too much to vote for this purpose. Extensive building may make a larger sum desirable. The lowering of the roadway in Upper Broad Street makes changes in the sidewalks in that locality both desirable and necessary. Money for this purpose can be obtained by an appropriation of say \$500 in sidewalk district number 2. Meetings for this purpose are usually called in April. Property owners in that locality would do well to promptly vote the money, and peti-

Some complaints have been made against the gas service. At times the lights have burned badly, and the hours of lighting and extinguishing have not been strictly followed. These faults have, however, been remedied, and upon the whole, the service has been fairly satisfactory. Not so the price. it is far too high. Extensions of the pipe lines have been made with commendable promptness.

The Orange Water Company have always shown themselves ready to comply with any reasonable demand. Pipes have been laid as asked for; and frequently where nothing could be secured from the township through the use of hydrants. A suit against the Company by the Canal Company has thus far prevented the completion of the pipes to Montgomery. As this has now been decided in favor of the Water Company, the pipes will no doubt be promptly laid in the Spring.

The \$500 voted for police purposes last year has been expended in employing special constables to keep order at the Centre and upon the avenue, Saturday evening and throughout Sunday. It has served a useful purpose and should be continued. Such use of the money is more economical and wiser than the employment of a paid police force.

, During the year the Fire Companies have improved and perfected their organization. In addition, the Active Hose Company at Watsessing have secured a new building for their use. The Phoenix Hose Company and the Excelsior Hose Company have each secured lots upon which they intend to place houses in the Spring. When this has been accomplished each of the Companies will have secured comfortable quarters and a new element of permamency in fire matters will have been obtained.

The laying out of the public grounds from Belleville avenue to New street completes the system of parks along Broad street of which this village should be proud. It is a question still whether a narrow road way along the sidewalk from Belleville avenue to New street is not desirable for the adjacent property. Certainly this park should receive the same care as the larger ones nearer the Centre. Expert opinion seems to indicate that the destructive elm-beetle cannot be circumvented by bands or tin contrivances about the trunks of the trees. Under these circumstances nothing can be done except to hope for the best.

Upon the whole the township has experienced continued growth and improvement during the year. No great changes seem to be required, wisdom

suggesting continuance in a good cause rather than new devices. A would for the present prove too ex- the custom for the princes of Germany

The Township Committee are to be congratulated upon the satisfactory state of the finances and of the system of public works under their control; while the continuation of building gives indication of the new spirit of progress which has taken possession of

YELLOWSTONE PARK THE ANIMALS REFUGE FROM TRAPPERS.

Some Rare Specimens Captured-Pelts of the Golden Beaver-Dams Built by the Segacious Little Animals-Origin of

"All signs fail in dry weather, but when the beaver builds his 'cache' high then look out for blizzards and blasts." So says a veteran cow puncher, who in the early days made his living by trapping beavers in Montana, and all admit that the veteran knows what he is talking about. Late last fall the beavers up this way began building high, and sure enough the weather turned out cold, for a week's blizzard is not done blowing yet, and the snow is all the way from two to three feet

There can be no question that this whole northwestern belt was many years ago a great resort of beavers, for there are evidences still left of thousands upon thousands of home, each of which must have contained at some time one complete family. French traders and Hudson Bay onsidered this a favorite hunting all sorts of fur bearing animals, for mar the Indian tribes in this latitude Lade to d. tions, or unwritten history, wherein they bartered pelts and furs with the pel faces who came down from the north.

SOME RARE SPECIALNS There are more beaver now in Montana than anywhere else in the Umited States. The variety, too, is greater here, for the writer has seen three distinct specimens, all of which were trapped within 100 miles of this joint, Besides the ordinary beaver a l'a on indian killed not long ago on the Upper Marins river a female beaver, and upon investi ating her home f und four young ones in the cache, two of which were white and two back. The albino pair were smaller than the dark but they were indeed a rarity, and mest beautiful objects to behold. Another rarity in the beaver line was found over on Milk river alout two years ago. I refer to the golden beaver, who possesses, I believe, the the shore in numbers, but it is well to choicest and rarest of furs. Althou h there must have been a family to which this pecimen belonged, yet only one was capture! The Crow Indians have a number of bright, rusty beaver skins, which they say were captured on their reservation at the head of the Big Horn river. They describe the fur when or the animal as possessing a most beautiful sunshiny appearance, which leaves no question in my mind but that the Crows captured the pelts in question from the true golden beaver. I have never heard of the species being caught outside of Siberia, but here we certainly have them in Montana. The greatest resort of beavers in the northwest is the head waters of the Y. dowstone river, its tributaries and the Yellowstone National park. Beaver lake, in the park, is a wonder ul spot. The complicated system of dams built by the sagacious and industrious little animal is not equaled on earth by the finest of engineering work. They are hard worker, and use judgment in choosing a place to build and live, and they make the dams with such patience and skill that a torrent which would tear away the strongest and best constructed by man simply sweeps over them without effect, and really leaves them stronger than before, for instead of weakening the structure, the reservoir is filled with debris, which is, in fact, just what the beavers want. In choosing a place to live, Beaver lake will show the good sense of

To begin with, the lake itself is a lovely sheet of water, bemmed in by the famed obsidian cliffs on one side and abrupt, losty mountains on the other. Any one with half an eye can see there never was such a thing as Beaver lake in existence until the little animals themselves went to work and dammed the lower end of the canyon, which brought into creation that charming and lovely sheet of water. Dotting the lake in hundreds of places are little mounds, conical and oval in shape, rising directly out of the water. There are the homes of the families. They consist of arched and interlocked willows, plastered thick with mud, which leaves a covering about two or three feet, which is a sure protection against the cold of this climate. The entrances are all under water, small crevices being left to give the necessary air. In choosing a place for a house they build far out in the water, away from land if possible, for there they are safe from their hereditary enemies, the bear, the puma, the gray wolf and the mountain lion, which fairly swarm throughout the park in countless numbers. The beavers are pretty well hunted all over Montana, but, like all the other animals feræ natura up this way, they are naturally and surely drifting over into the Yellowstone National park, which seems to be about the only haven of safety left to them in all the wide northwest. There they are protected by saving laws. Still the pot hunters are ever after them, and unless promptly checked will destroy the remnant of wild and fur bearing animals still left in our country. Only last week a pot hunter was caught setting beaver traps on Gardiner river, which is in the park imits. He was promptly ejected and his

ORIGIN OF "BEAVER LAKE."

these little animals.

traps destroyed.—Montana Col. San Francisco Call. Although there are but few who suspect it, it is nevertheless a fact that Col Ingersell is one of the most enthusiastic devotees of music and as thorough going a Wagnerian as can be found in this city. He never miss a notable performance at the Metropolitan opera house, and symphony concerts are his especial delight. While conversing with the colonel the other evening the subject of music was broached, and the colonel said that he got all his musical education in two weeks, and that that was enough to give him a knowledge of the principles that would serve him for a lifetime. He made the great discovery that there were three kinds of music, and these he classified in the following original fashion: The first kind was "heel music," or simply rythmical sound, a succession of homegenous notes, or a tattoo. This was the lowest form. The second was what he called "soul music, or the repetition of different sounds in varying cadences. This appealed to the feeling and the emotions, but went no further. The third and highest form of music was "thought music," which is represented only by Wagner and his school. It was this form of music, he

man think in music language.-New York Graphic. Mind Versus Matter. A man came into the sanctum with a fence rail to annihilate the editor for an alleged

said, which appealed to the intellect and made

grievance. The latter, who was whitting, "My friend, did you ever consider that, even if you did thrash me, you could not stop the. publication of this paper, and it would only be the worse for you, because either myself or my successor would be bound to get even with you. You may lick the editor to your heart's content, but the newspaper goes on

And instead of thrashing the editor the man left the fence rail as part payment of his subscription. -St. Joseph (Mo.) Gazette.

The wisdom of the old world decided long ago that every boy and girl system of sewage, while very desirable, should have a trade. It has long been pensive and burdensome to property to learn trades. The Bourbon princes of France all acquired trades. Some of them were printers, bookbinders, shipwrights, house carpenters, joiners and painters; they did not follow these vocations, but they understood them. Royal and princely ladies in Germany and France understand every function of housekeeping and know how to perform it. They can go to the dairy and stable and handle milk or a cov and a horse with dexterity and satisfaction. The Prince of Wales is bookbinder, each of his brothers has a trade, and his sons are now learning trades according to their taste. All the ladies of the English royal household are accomplished in practical things, they know how to do useful things even if they are never called upon to perform them. The mawkishness or sentimentality which encourages girls not to learn to do use ful, practical and strengthening labor s a debasement of the noblest impulses of nature. When such an inculcation is encouraged it tends to deprive girls especially from developing their mental and physical forces, W enervate them and improve functions which, if properly trained, might develop the the good and the grand in their character. Work properly performed is a recuperator, not an exhauster, of mental and physical forces. Knowledge is power is an axiom as old as truth; to know how to do the useful is an accomplishment of which any girl can be proud, and especially an American girl.

> Somebody has condensed the mistakes of life, and arrived at the conclusion that there are fourteen of them. Most people would say, if they told the truth, that there was no limit to the mistales of life; that they were like the drops in the ocean or the sands of be accurate. Here, then, are fourteen great mistakes:-It is a great mistake to set up our own standard of right and wrong, and judge people accord ingly; to measure the enjoyment of others by our own; to expect uniformity of opinion in this world; to look for judgment and experience in youth; to endeavor to mould all dispositions alike; not to yield to immaterial trifles; to look for perfection in our own ac tions; to worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied, and not to alleviate all that needs alleviation as far as lies in our power; not to make allowances for the infirmities of others: to consider everything impossible that we cannot perform; to believe only what our finite minds can grasp; to expect to be able to understand every-

Men Full of Whims. No use charging all whims to the accoun

of women. Men are full of them. There are a half dozen tobacco slaves who daily go on change, who say they cannot sleep unless quid of tobacco reposes beneath their tongue. Others tell of getting up in the night to smoke, and there is one old crank who insists he cannot sleep unless his head is turned toward the north. He has a whim that he is a compass. It is said ex-Attorney General Brewster likes an open grate, but detests the

The contrast of the black coal and the red and blue flames was most distasteful to him so his servant had orders to splash the fuel with whitewash, which he kept on hand for the purpose. Gen. Butler has a whim. Of late years he is seldom without a piece of slippery elm in his mouth, which he declares is an admirable specific for nervousness. Years ago Butler was a smoker. Then he took what is known as a dry smoke—that is, he went through the motions of smoking with an unlighted eigar in his mouth. From that he has graduated to slippery elm. Senator Beck's whim is that he cannot speak unless he arises with a penholder in his right hand, which he always slams down upon his desk before he has, spoken a dozen words .--Cincinnati Times-Star "Rambles."

Agreeable Odors for Gas. The fact that several residents of Troy were recently killed by odorless gas has aroused some inquiry as to the use of this dangerous It seems that this fuel gas, which is manufactured and used for various domestic purposes, can readily be made safe, or at least practically so, by giving it an odor which will many patents have been taken out to accompli h t'us result. It may not be generally known that common gas may easily be made odorless, but that the odor is retained as a

This subject opens some curious fields of observation. Seeing that it is feasible thus to impregnate gas with an odor, why does not modern enterprise combine use and delight by adopting such odors as shall be most agreeable to patrons? Few, for instance, like the present smell of gas, and why cannot it be in-fused henceforth with the essence of mignonette or apple blossom, or ylang-ylang?-New York Commercial Advertiser.

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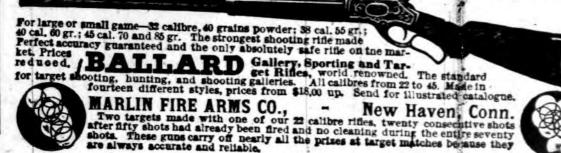
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